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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5

Filed concurrent with this Response is a Request for Continued Examination and a Request for Extension of Time. In addition, please provide any further extensions of time that may be necessary and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account 23-3030, but do not include any payment of issue fees that are or may become due.

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